incentives or tax benefits as provided by Government for encouraging coal gasification technology will also be extended to these projects.

9. **Joint Ventures abroad**: The Joint Venture projects abroad in gas rich countries are also proposed to be encouraged through firm offtake contracts with pricing decided on the basis of prevailing market conditions and in mutual consultation with the joint venture company. However, the principle for deciding upon the maximum price will be the price achieved under Greenfield projects or 95% of IPP as proposed for revival projects (in absence of any Greenfield projects) with a cap of USD 405 CIF India per MT and a floor of USD 225 CIF India per MT (inclusive of handling and bagging costs).

10. **Time period for proposed investment policy**: Only those revamp projects which start production of additional capacities within four years of notification of the new policy would qualify for the dispensation recommended above. Similarly production from expansion and revival (brownfield) units that come about within five years of notification of the new policy would qualify for dispensation provided in the policy. If the production does not come through within the stipulated time period, such brownfield projects will be treated similar to a Greenfield projects wherein price will be decided through limited bidding options. The time period for setting up of new Joint Ventures would also be five years under the new investment policy.

Availability of Chemical Fertilizers

2052.SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority is aware of the shortage of Phosphate fertilizers *viz.*, Factomfos in Kerala especially during the Kharif season, 2008;

(b) if so, the action taken in details including the estimated requirement and the available amount of Factomfos for the last two years, month-wise, and category-wise;

(c) the reasons, for the shortage in details; and

(d) the steps taken to provide the required amount of Factomfos in the forthcoming cropping seasons, in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers like DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled / de-canalized since 1992. The monthly supply plans for decontrolled fertilizers are drawn by manufacturers / importers of these fertilizers in consultation with the State Government. Therefore, the availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

Factomfos is complex fertilizer, manufactured by M/s. Fertilizer and Chemicals Travancore Limited, Cochin (FACT). The requirement of complex fertilizers including Factomfos was not being assessed and monitored by the Union Government earlier to Kharif 2008. During the period from April, 2008 to November, 2008, the cumulative availability of complex fertilizers (NPK) in Kerala has been 1.29 LMT against the cumulative requirement of 1.36 LMT which is about 95% of the total requirement. This availability of 1.29 LMT of complex fertilizer includes 1.02 LMT of Factomfos. Monthwise availability of Factomfos for the last two years is given in the Statement (*See* below). During Kharif 2008, the production of Factomfos was low due to high cost of inputs like Sulphur, shortage of raw material and also due to the working capital problems. FACT intends to maximize their production of Factomfos during the forthcoming season in order to cater to the need of the State.

Statement

The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.

Marketing Division

Despatch 2006-2007

Factamfos	**Kerala**		
Month	UDL	CD	Total
April 06	3087	1346	4433
May	977	3976	4953
June	8661	13506	22167
1st Qtr.	12725	18828	31553
July	7633	10882	18515
August	5475	4904	10379
September	3823	7065	10888
2nd Qtr.	16931	22851	39782
Kharif 06	29656	41679	71335
October	5011	9187	14198
November	3814	9139	12953
December	3906	11592	15498
3rd Qtr.	12731	29918	42649
January 07	2498	1515	4013
February	2080	6512	8592
March	2970	3308	6278
4th Qtr.	7548	11335	18883
Rabi 06-07	20279	41253	61532
TOTAL :	49935	82932	132867

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The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd.

Marketing Division

Despatch 2007-2008

Factamfos		**Kerala**	
Month	UDL	CD	Total
April 07	2557	2216	4773
May	2125	4152	6277
June	6278	13392	19670
1st Qtr.	10960	19760	30720
July	9483	3081	12564
August	2559	1617	4176
September	3849	5124	8973
2nd Qtr.	15891	9822	25713
Kharif 07	26851	29582	56433
October	5267	7679	12946
November	4276	10312	14588
December	326	11630	11956
3rd Qtr.	9869	29621	39490
January 08	0	6618	6618
February	0	6738	6738
March	0	0	0
4th Qtr.	0	13356	13356
Rabi 07-08	9869	42977	52846
TOTAL	36720	72559	109279

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Marketing Division

Despatch 2008-2009

Factamfos		**Kerala**	
Month	UDL	CD	Total
1	2	3	4
April 08	0	10879	10879
May	3196	10967	14163
June	1779	3847	5626

1	2	3	4
1st Qtr.	4975	25693	30668
July	9362	11766	21128
August	3847	4317	8164
September	1680	8021	9701
2nd Qtr.	14889	24104	38993
Kharif 08	19864	49797	69661
October	6015	13876	19891
November	6497	6876	13373
December	0		
3rd Qtr.	12512	20752	33264
January 09	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
4th Qtr.	0	0	0
Rabi 08-09	12512	20752	33264
TOTAL :	32376	70549	102925

Recovery of penalty from erring pharma companies

2053.SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug regulator needs power as Government had imposed Rs.1627 crores penalty on companies but recovery has been only Rs.130 crores till October;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons of low recovery;

(c) what are the steps being taken to recover all the amount;

(d) whether norms for sale of medical devices likely by February, 2009;

(e) whether Government is also setting up outlets to sell drugs at cheaper prices; and

(f) whether price control is necessary in drug market and what are the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Since the inception of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in August 1997, NPPA has raised a total demand of Rs. 1830.57 crores (up to 15.12.08) for recovery towards overcharged amount, under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) read with Essential Commodities Act, 1955. NPPA has recovered Rs.139.54 crores so far